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1. WHILE WE TRUST INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE
ALREADY AWARE FROM OTHER REPORTING, WE SUBMIT FOR THE
RECORD INFORMATION PROVIDED THE NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
BY THE CANADIAN ECONAD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED
SEPT 27 THAT CANADIAN AND BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES MET
IN OTTAWA ON SEPTEMBER 21 TO 23 TO DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FISHERIES.

THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR. L. ZHELYAZKOV, HEAD
OF THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.
THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR. G.C. VERNON,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORATE, FISHERIES
AND MARINE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRON-
MENT.

THE TWO SIDES PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS AS THE POSSIBLE BASIS
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FOR AN AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT WOULD
GOVERN CONTINUED FISHING BY BULGARIAN VESSELS IN AREAS
UNDER CANADIAN JURISDICTION. ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS
THEY AGREED ON THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH, IF APPROVED
BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WOULD PERMIT BULGARIAN VESSELS TO
FISH IN THE AREA CONCERNED, UNDER CANADIAN AUTHORITY AND
CONTROL, FOR RESOURCES SURPLUS TO CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL INTEREST
OF CANADA, INCLUDING THE NEEDS OF CANADIAN COASTAL
COMMUNITIES, IN FISHERIES RESOURCES IN THE AREA BEYOND
AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE CANADIAN 200-MILE ZONE.
IT IS THE FOURTH AGREEMENT TO DO SO SINCE THE EXTENSION
OF CANADIAN JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES: SIMILAR AGREEMENTS
HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH CUBA IN MAY, WITH ROMANIA IN
JUNE, AND WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC EARLIER IN
SEPTEMBER. END TEXT. GLITMAN

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